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be a general rule on the elevation of a variety into a species to retain

the varietal as the new specific name."

The President having stated that, on the whole, he was of opinion that the new specific name should be used, the meeting agreed by a small majority that, in the case upon which the question was based, Mr. Pilsbry was justified in giving Adams' varietal name of tessellata precedence over Pfeiffer's later specific name.

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Note on Damayantia Smithi, Collinge & Godwin - Austen. (Read 10th June, 1904.)—There are many passages in Mr. Collinge's paper in vol. vi, pp. 9-12, of this journal I should like to reply to, but it is quite time this argument came to an end. I have only to refer to a point of nomenclature, and I shall endeavour to be as brief as possible. Damayantia Smithi was described and very clearly figured in the P.Z.S., 1895, pl. xi, by Mr. Collinge and myself. In 1901 Mr. Collinge created a new genus Isselentia (allied to Damayantia), making the type plicata, Cllge., a species similar in all important characters to the figures of D. Smithi in the P.Z.S., pl. xi, and, I may add, all the figures, not 1-5 as quoted on p. 11, vol. vi. The species we described together in 1895 I consider should stand as Isselentia Smithi. It would be quite wrong to transfer the specific name Smithi to another very distinct species of the genus Collingea. This last species should therefore be named; it was not figured in 1895. In this connection compare my drawings of the generative organs of Damayantia Smithi, figs. 7, 7a, 7b, and 7c, Land and Fresh-water Moll. India, pl. lxxiii, and Mr. Collinge's figs. 9 and 10, pl. xi, P.Z.S., all made in the same year; also look at the drawings of the jaw and radula of Damayantia Smithi, figured in the P.Z.S., Moll. Ind., and Proc. Malac. Soc., vol. v, pl. xi, figs. 2b, 2c, which may now be seen in the Natural History Museum with the label D. Smithi, written at the time it was mounted. Not a single figure on pl. xi, P.Z.S., applies to Microparmarion or Collingea, and all, except figs. 9 and 10, drawn by Mr. Collinge, were copied by Mr. Smit from my drawings on autographic paper.

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